

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Brian Stewart and the Jackson Christian School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Brian Stewart, the Jackson Christian School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006 season, establishing an impressive record of twelve wins against only three losses and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 1A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Christian School Eagles rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Union City (35-7), McKenzie (28-7), Lake County (26-22), and Mount Pleasant (42-14) in a phenomenal drive to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Christian School concluded its remarkable season by beating previously undefeated Friendship Christian School in the BlueCross Bowl Final by a score of 19-13, thereby capturing the team's first state football championship; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performances of seniors Clay Fowler, with 176 yards passing and one score, and Rashad Rayner, with three interceptions; and

WHEREAS, in the play of the game, Jackson Christian School senior Greg Wood returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown to make it 13-0 midway through the third quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles' explosive offense amassed an incredible 415 points during their 15-game season, an average of 27.6 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles' stingy defense allowed only 226 points to be scored by their opponents, an average of 15 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary success of the Jackson Christian School football team came under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach Brian Stewart, who, in only his first year as the Eagles' Head Coach, is known for his hard work and dedication in turning student-athletes into the best possible football players and productive citizens in their community; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players who comprise the Jackson Christian School Eagles are: Blake Taylor, Andrew Hadley, Blake Carden, Ryan White, Chase Presley, Zach Parker, Nathan Warren, Trey Mangrum, Rashad Rayner, Matt Hudson, Seth Doyle, Clay Fowler, Jon David Johnson, Justin Morris, Tanner Perkins, Patrick Taggart, Sam Sears, David Payne, Zach White, Travis Henry, Greg Wood, Cody Jones, Spencer Perkins, Will Johnson, Steven Diamond, Drew Foster, Ethan Cooper, Digger Foust, Will Hadley, Heath Thompson, Michael Gooch, Michael McCafferty, Tyler Mangrum, Thomas Hale, Jon Williams, Josh Aldridge, Alex Groves, Riley Malin, Ben Cooper, Chris McKnight, Ben Bird, Edward Hall, Jordan Parker, Hunter Creasy, Trey Goethals, Cliff Wallis, Myles Odle, Will Burleson, Nathan Gibbons, Luke Castleberry, Cody Agee, Dillon Coplin, Dakota Coplin, Isaac Grizzell, and Chase Philpot; and

WHEREAS, the estimable coaches of Jackson Christian School's exceptional football team are Head Coach Brian Stewart and assistant coaches Chuck Cooper, Grey Powell, Chuck Morris, Paul Kellar, Doug Hudson, Cade Smith, Steve Warren, and volunteer coach, Will McDonald; and

WHEREAS, others contributing to this fantastic season were Statistician, Greg Armour; Trainer, Cliff Pawley; Video Technician, DeWayne Robinson; Managers, Jared Parker, Andrew Rush, John Gollihugh, Alex Powell, Justin Brister, Carson Warren, and Casey White; Jackson Christian School Principal Scott Gatlin; and President of Jackson Christian School, Dr. Michael E. Weimer; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Jackson Christian School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Brian Stewart and the 2006 Jackson Christian School football team on capturing the 2006 TSSAA Class 1A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.